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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 7, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on May 7, 2015 at 9:42 a.m. in the Essex Conference Room, 7th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Committee Member

Excused:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair

Also Present:

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Rep

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by W. Michael Shea, and seconded by William Green the minutes of the April 2, 2015 public session meeting were approved with corrections. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present at the public meeting but did not comment:

Catherine Macken

Ellyn Alejan

Brittany Wilson

Joleen Stawk

The following member of the public was present at the public meeting and did comment:

Kathleen Mangano- Clinical Coordinator Montclair State University

Requested clarification on supervision of students during their internships/practicums, and whether a Licensed Associate Counselor could break down the 30 post master credits allowed in lieu of 1,500 hours into smaller increments.

The Committee addressed Ms. Mangano's questions as follows:

- *Committee advised that currently, Professional Counselor regulations do not address supervision during internships/practicums. It is the schools' responsibility to validate the appropriateness of an internship setting.*
- *New legislation was passed in July 2014, to address the question of reciprocity. The Division of Consumer Affairs and the Committee are working on establishing regulations for reciprocity.*
- *Model rules are being drafted and discussed for reciprocity. Once model rules are finalized, Rachel Glasgow will work with the Committee to promulgate the laws.*

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Executive Director Collazo informed the Committee and staff that a large influx of new applications following May graduations are expected and this will continue through August.
- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 4,914 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors) Currently there are 1469 applications and 38 reinstatements pending.

* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

Reinstatements -

- The Committee determined to give the Executive Director authority to approve reinstatement applications. The letter sent approving the reinstatement applications following a period of suspension should include language that if the Board becomes aware that the licensee engaged in unlicensed practice during any period of suspension, the Board may take disciplinary action.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to Report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Rowan University

Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The Committee reviewed Rowan University's request for approval of three minor curricula changes. *Upon motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by Diane Licht, The Committee voted to approve the recommended changes presented. The Committee is reminding Rowan University that the National Counselor Examination (NCE) is still required for their students for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

CBT Training

The Committee reviewed The Fundamentals of CBT for Depression training course. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

NJCA Annual Conference report was presented by William Green, Dana Kaspereen and Diane Licht. The power point presentation is posted on the NJCA website for review. The Committee is working very closely with NJCA to keep updated on what is required for licensure. The Committee felt the Conference was well attended and very successful.

XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.

XII. FILED ORDERS

Susan Fallon

The Committee reviewed the filed Consent Order for Susan Fallon. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **June 4, 2015**

Meeting Dates for 2015

June 4, 2015
July 16, 2015
August - *canceled*
September 3, 2015
October 1, 2015
November 5, 2015
December 3, 2015

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Kimberly Atwood	Ashley Berdnik
Rhiannon Brown	Melanie Browndorf
Melissa Chin	Cristina DeSalvo
Courtney Eicholtz	Rashara Fuller
Tatiana Garcia	Khatera Hamid
Kimberly Hoffman	Cortney Hood
Simone Hopkins	Diane Johnson
Bernadette Kennedy	Tiffany Lewis
Eileen Madden	Kimberly Maki
Jennifer McDowell	Deneika Morton
Nathan Nelson	Zalak Patel
Opal Payne	Giovanna Peacock
Janice Rainford	Leslie Rojas
Anissa Rodriguez	Nicole Rosoline
Danielle Rees	Wanda Ruiz
Hassan Sandhu	Shumaila Shahid

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Ellyn Alejan	Elizabeth Arboleda
Taryn Chase	Theresa Chrobak
Ryan Correll	Nicole Cowan
Ashley Derdzikowski	Lyndsey Farrar
Michelle Gervasi	Sarahbeth Gibbs
James Gordon	Deborah Grossmith
Francine Hansen	Christine Henry
Christine Henry	Nicole Lozano
Linette Kindred-Lynch	Catherine Macken
Sara Mackey	John MacDonald
Marissa Mangual	Kaitlyn McCallum
Kara Michelin	Morgan Muraresku
Nosaba Naveed	Poonam Patel
Stacy Pinto	Richard Sisler
Kellie Smock	Stephanie Sendner
Jade Simons	Jillian Trimboli

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Amanda Allen	David Borek
Daniel Brewer	Jamie Denning
Tanya Ellis-Asbury	Ashley Flewellen
Deanne Fowler	Allyson Hafner
Denine Hasan	Krista Johnson
David Lardier	Shaelene Lauriano
Lindsay Mason	Kristen McCauley-Brophy
Brett Mekles	Rachel Murphy
Sudha Nagarajan	Melinda O'Mealia
Wendy Orellana	Nadyne Perlin
Orin Redmond	Benjamin Silverman
Maurice Swain	Jessica Tabor

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. for reviews applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 1:36. *Voting in favor: all.*

